

## ERLTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday April 11, 2023  
MNP Community & Sports Centre – Riverview Room  
Meeting Start at 7:10pm

### 1. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES (March 14, 2023) AND AGENDA

Approved.

### 2. NEW BUSINESS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

#### a. ECA Newsletter Launch

- The April 2023 edition of the newsletter was circulated on Tuesday April 4
- Intent is for the newsletter to focus on “soft” items (e.g., event notices) that do not necessarily fit within the regular meeting agenda format.
- Please let us know if you have any feedback on content or distribution timing. Feel free to send an email to [erltoncommunications@gmail.com](mailto:erltoncommunications@gmail.com) or [erltonpresident@gmail.com](mailto:erltonpresident@gmail.com)

#### b. Community Safety Consultation Event hosted by Councillor Walcott – Thursday April 6 @ 6:30pm, Central Library

- Approximately 30-40 people attended. Focus was on homelessness challenges in the City. Based on studies, the number of homeless individuals was relatively stable, but there has been a significant increase in the number of unsheltered individuals (i.e., those that have not/are unable to utilize shelters and other types of programs).
- Additional details regarding this issue will be available on Councillor Walcott’s website, but this has not been developed yet. We have requested the website information and can circulate it to interested ECA members on request.
- Note that you can **report** rough sleepers and/or vulnerable populations to the City **via the 311 app** to assist the City with responding to this issue.
- We shared information about how to report specific social issues via the “highlights” of the ECA Instagram (@erltonyc). Please also refer to the details attached to these minutes.
  - Suggestion was made to include this information in the next edition of the newsletter.

#### c. Recap of the Spring Equinox Bonfire Event

- Thanks to everyone who attended, and thanks to Susan for organizing. It was a great turnout!

#### d. Pathway and River Cleanup – Sunday May 7, 2023 @ 10am; BBQ @ 12pm

- Collaboration between the ECA Cliff Bungalow Mission CA, Rideau-Roxboro CA and MNP Community & Sports Centre
- Join us @ 10am at the South Entrance of MNP Centre for the cleanup.
  - We will be cleaning up the river pathways from the north end of Lindsay Park (near the McLeod Bridge) all the way down to the Roxboro & Erlton Offleash Dog Park.
- Whether or not you were able to join for the cleanup, join us for a BBQ at 12pm near the South Entrance of the MNP Centre. Volunteers eat free; minimum donation for other attendees.
- Please contact [erltonsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:erltonsecretary@gmail.com) if you are interested in volunteering as a cleanup liaison on the day of the event.
- Thanks to Susan and Jessica for offering to be ECA representatives on the day of the event.

#### e. **May 2023 Meeting Date: May 16, 2023**

- All MNP Centre rooms are booked for our usual meeting date (May 9), so we have rescheduled for the following week (May 16)

#### **4. REPORTS**

- **President's Report:** Dylan Rayburn
  - Political campaigners have been contacting Dylan requesting to speak to the ECA members and/or its Board. We have declined these meeting requests as we are obligated to consult with all candidates if we agree to consult with one of them. With this in mind, please do not invite any political candidates to ECA events.
  - As noted above, please report encampments and rough sleepers via the 311 app.
- **Vice President's Report:** Vacant
- **Treasurer's Report:** Debra Smith
  - No updates.
- **Secretary Report:** Nicole Bakker
  - No updates.
- **Planning and Development Chair Report:** Heesung Kim
  - Erlton School Site:
    - We had one applicant (the Dream Centre) reach out to the ECA. Dylan and Heesung had a Zoom meeting to look at their proposal.
    - The proposal is for 63 small units intended for women, women with children, those with disabilities (~12 accessible units), and those facing homelessness (but not shelter-type housing). The City's parameters were for at least 58 units with 800 sqft per unit.
    - During the meeting, the ECA's comments were that while the ECA is amenable to more units than permitted under the MC-Gd72 district, we would prefer the building mass to fit within the maximum building envelope, and look more like townhouses than an apartment block. The Dream Centre representatives appeared amenable to the ECA's comments and feedback.
    - The proposed height is 14m, which is higher than the bylaw maximum of 12m. Note that a portion of the site will need to be rezoned, which will require a public hearing at which members of the public can participate.
    - To date no other groups have approached the ECA to consult. The deadline for applications is April 28. We therefore expect there will be additional information about other proposals at the ECA meeting on May 16.
    - ECA also plans to reach out to the City to request information about other bidders after the April 28 deadline.
  - 4-unit development at 54 28 Ave SW
    - Utilities to the existing house have been disconnected and demolition was completed yesterday (April 10).
  - Application for the 3-unit development on the stub of 28 Ave SW is still under review. As discussed last month, there are no/limited bylaw relaxations requested so the ECA submitted a "no comment" letter in response. We understand that the immediate neighbours have submitted comments/feedback to the City.
- **Membership Report:** Nicole Bakker

- Inquiry has been placed with the Reader's Garden Café regarding potential partnership/perks for ECA members.
- If you still need to renew your membership, please e-transfer \$10 to [erltonpresident@gmail.com](mailto:erltonpresident@gmail.com) (for "regular" members) or contact [erltonsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:erltonsecretary@gmail.com) to confirm renewal (for senior (over 65) members).
- **Traffic Report:** Dave Greszczyszyn
  - Ongoing discussions with Ramsay and the City about parking for major events including Stampede.
  - Please email [erltontraffic@gmail.com](mailto:erltontraffic@gmail.com) if you are interested in assisting with parking management during Stampede.
  - Suggestion to advocate for parking on both sides of 25<sup>th</sup> Ave to slow down traffic
- **Parks Report:** Jessica Wiseman
  - Alpha House has reached out to request another art therapy session at the ECA Garden. We are planning to proceed as this was a big success last year.
  - The Farmstand has shifted locations to Erlton Park (beside Scollan Bridge) as there is more exposure for foot and vehicle traffic.
    - **Pending approval by City Parks, Farmstand will be running on Saturdays starting May 13. Join us to pick up your local fruits and veggies. Details to follow once we have approval.**
    - Suggestion to have an ECA representative at the Farmstand to advertise the Community Association and try and get additional membership signups.
    - Another suggestion to advise the vendors that there may be more foot traffic on Sundays (e.g., Mother's Day Run, Scotiabank Marathon, etc.)
  - We continue working on getting a picnic table for the Erlton Park (beside Scollan Bridge)
  - Jane's Walk is coming up on May 5-7. There is a lot of history in the community that may be of interest for a Jane's walk.
  - Ongoing call for a garden lead. Please contact [erltonparks@gmail.com](mailto:erltonparks@gmail.com) if you're interested.
- **Communications Report:** Lorraine Mounkes (absent)
  - A big thank you to Lorraine for spearheading the newsletter and making it a reality.
  - As noted above, please send any feedback on community newsletter content or distribution timing to [erltoncommunications@gmail.com](mailto:erltoncommunications@gmail.com).
    - Suggestion to add some photos of the 2013 flood and to showcase our resiliency to the June edition of the newsletter. Mona can send photos to Lorraine and Dylan.
- **Social Committee Report:** Susan Armstrong
  - Susan reached out to the Rideau Roxboro CA about collaborating for Neighbour Day (June 17, 2023). It is on the agenda for their April meeting. We will follow-up later this month. If anyone is interested in volunteering to support a Neighbour Day Event, let us know!
  - Consider a Jane's Walk event, potentially to touch on the Nunnery and other historic buildings in the neighbourhood.
  - Consider a walking tour social event covering the rich history of the neighbourhood.
- **Planning and Development: Cemetery Sub-Committee:** Shirine Lund

- Shirine has contacted Chevra Kadisha (CK) to see if they are interested in attending one of our ECA meetings. There has been a change in contact person, and Shirine has asked them to attend either the May or June meeting, as she did not hear back from that individual prior to this meeting.
- Shirine has also followed up with Councillor Walcott's office to see if there is a specific release date for the Erlton Local Area Plan. They advised that it would be late Spring 2023. Shirine will continue to follow-up regarding the timing and has asked the ECA Board to let her know if the City contacts the Board about this prior to her.
- Comment that there has been some damage to the retaining wall at the property. Shirine has contact information should community members want to reach out to report this or any other issues. It is always good for there to be multiple touchpoints between the community and the CK.

Meeting end: 8:22pm